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DEPARTMENT PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO USDEL DAMASCUS
FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PLO PARTICIPATION IN MEPC

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1. IN A MEETING TODAY AUGUST 3 WITH AMBASSADOR WEST, DCM WILEY AND EMBASSY OFFICER LEWIS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD GAVE A LENGTHY DISCOURSE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY PLO REPRESENTATION AT THE MEPC AS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE SAID, ALMOST INCIDENTALLY, THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT WITHIN THE HOUR.

2. SAUD SAID THAT IT WAS HIS JUDGEMENT THAT THE PLO WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER ITS POSITION ON UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 IF RPT IF THE USG WOULD BE READY TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE PLO AND INVITE THE ORGANIZATION TO GENEVA TO ATTEND THE MEPC.

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3. SAUD'S SCENARIO WAS:

A) FIRST, THE PLO WOULD STATE PUBLICLY AND UNEQUIVLCALLY THAT IT ACCEPTS 242 AND 338 WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE RESOLUTIONS DID NOT DEAL WITH THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OR THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A HOME-LAND; FOLLOWED BY

B) USG STATEMENT OF ITS READINESS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH

THE PLO AND INVITE ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEPC

4. PRINCE SAUD EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THE PLO AND THE SAG
WOULD WANT ASSURANCES THAT ACTION BY THE U.S. WOULD FOLLOW
ON THE HEELS OF THE PLO STATEMENT.
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